

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 1400 - SB 1723**

March 16, 2009

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires the Commissioner of the Department of Correction (DOC) to enter into a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the State of Tennessee and the United States Department of Homeland Security regarding the enforcement of federal immigration laws, detention and removals, and investigations in the State. Requires at least one employee in each DOC correctional facility to be trained pursuant to the MOU. Funding for such training shall be provided pursuant to the federal Homeland Security Appropriation Act of 2006, Public Law 109-90. Authorizes correctional officers trained pursuant to the MOU to enforce federal immigration laws.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

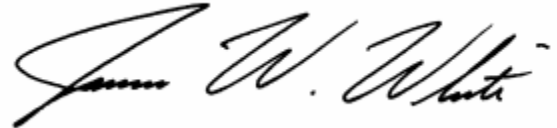
**Increase State Expenditures - \$599,600**

Assumptions:

- According to DOC, the Department would need to hire one additional staff person at each of the 14 institutions to be responsible for the enforcement of federal immigration laws and transportation of illegal inmates to federal detention centers. Recurring costs of \$554,820 include \$343,000 for salaries (\$24,500 x 14) and \$116,620 for benefits (\$8,330 x 14) plus \$95,200 for travel (\$7,000), printing (\$4,200), telephone (\$11,200), supplies (\$56,000), training (\$5,600), and professional services (\$11,200).
- There are approximately 7,000 inmates released annually from the Department. Based on the percentage of illegal aliens currently in DOC facilities, the Department would be responsible for transporting one percent (70) inmates per year from DOC facilities to federal detention centers. These inmates would be transported an average of 640 miles. DOC has a contract for one-way transportation of inmates at \$1.00 per mile. The annual transportation cost is estimated to be \$44,800 (\$1.00 x 640 mileage x 70 inmates). The total recurring expenditures would be \$599,620 (\$343,000 + \$116,620 + \$95,200 + \$44,800).

**CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "J".

James W. White, Executive Director

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